



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artist Award Competition Now Accepting Applications**

**Gaithersburg, MD – (September 21, 2020)** The City of Gaithersburg, in association with the Kentlands Community Foundation, is now accepting applications for the 18<sup>th</sup> [Annual Young Artist Award](#). The juried competition, which culminates in a concert featuring the top prize winners, provides young instrumental, piano and vocal musicians with an enriching artistic experience. Application deadline is Saturday, January 9, 2021. Audition videos must be received by January 16, 2021.

Young musicians between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to apply as a vocal or instrumental soloist in the categories of vocal, woodwind, brass, string, and piano. First, second, third, and honorable mention prizes may be awarded in each category. Performers must provide their own piano accompanists if accompaniment is needed. Applicants need not reside in the City of Gaithersburg to enter.

In lieu of live, in-person auditions, applicants must submit video recordings of themselves performing three different works. All submitted videos will be reviewed by a panel of at least three jurors in each category, and all participants will receive written feedback from the jurors. Technical specifications for video submissions can be found [here](#). All videos must be submitted by January 16, 2021.

Top prize winners must be available to participate in the Young Artist Award Concert (live or virtual to be determined) on Friday, February 5, 2021.

Apply online [here](#). For more information, please visit the Young Artist Award [webpage](#). Applications are due by January 9, 2021. For additional information, please call the Arts Barn at 301-258-6394 or e-mail Marc Wright at [marc.wright@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:marc.wright@gaithersburgmd.gov).

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